

REMARKS

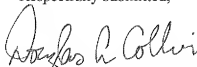
In the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2009, claims 1, 3-17, 19, 22-27, 29-40, 49-51 and 53-56 were pending. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, 22-27, 29, 30, 32-40 and 49-51 were rejected, claim 11 was allowed, and claims 31 and 53-56 were objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Advisory Action the Examiner indicated that applicant's amendment of February 10, 2010 would be entered for the purposes of appeal, and that claims 11, 38 and 39 were allowed, and claims 31, 53 and 56 are objected to but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-3, 19, 22-27, 29, 30, 32-40 and 49-51 are indicated as rejected, which is inconsistent with the claims indicated as allowed or allowable, and furthermore fails to account for all the pending claims in the application. In any event, Applicant has decided not to appeal the rejections in the current application, but rather file an amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. In view of the uncertainty presents by the claim status in the Advisory Action, the amendments presented above are based on the claims pending at the time of mailing of the December 10, 2009 Final Office Action,

Claims 3, 9, 10, 17, 19, 27, 38, 49 and 50 are amended above, and claims 1, 12-16, 29-31, and 53-56 are cancelled in addition to the previously cancelled claims. Specifically, claims 3, 9, 10 and 17 are amended to depend from allowable claims 11 rather than cancelled claim 1. Claim 19 is amended to include claims 29-31. Claim 27 is amended to include claim 56. Claim 38 is amended to include claim 55. Claim 49 is amended to include claim 54. Claim 50 is amended to include claim 53. Therefore, all the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application including claims 3-11, 17, 19, 22-27, 32-40 and 49-51 are hereby requested.

The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues with regard to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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